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NEW IRRIGATION PROJECTS FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement new irrigation projects for the benefit of small and marginal farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for the smooth implementation of the said projects; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated by the Central Government to the State Governmentsduring 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 for the said purpose State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme concerning irrigation projects for the benefit of smalland marginal farmers namely, On Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production inEastern India is being implemented since March, 2002 in ten Eastern States viz; Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Bihar, parts of Uttar Pradesh, parts of West Bengal, Mizoram,Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhatisgarh. The Scheme provides financial assistance to small and marginal farmers for construction of shallow tube wells with pumping sets, community lift irrigation points, electric/diesel water pumping sets and dug wells in Plateau Regions.

The scheme is being implemented through National Bank for Agriculture and RuralDevelopment (NABARD), with financing pattern of 20% contribution from beneficiaries, 30% assistance from Government of India and remaining 50% loan to beneficiaries.

For effective implementation and monitoring of scheme, there is a State LevelMonitoring Committee chaired by Agriculture Production Commissioner/Principal Secretary (Agriculture) and, at National level, there is a Central Level Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation with the representativesfrom NABARD, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Rural Development and theSecretaries of the Department of Agriculture/Minor Irrigation of the concerned States.

(c): The funds are allocated to the States keeping in view the Project proposals andavailability of funds. An amount of Rs.15.00 crore was released to NABARD during 2001-02 asGovernment of India share. Also during 2002-03, an amount of Rs.115.00 crore was provisionally allocated as a Government of India share to the States covered under the Project.The State-wise details of provisional allocation for 2002-03 are annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION FOR ON FARM WATER MANAGEMENT FOR INCREASING CROP PRODUC EASTERN INDIA DURING 2002-03.

S.NO. Name of the States Provisional Allocation (Rs. in lakh)

1. Assam 897.00

2. Bihar 4140.00

3. Jharkhand 1225.00

4. Chhattisgarh 537.00

5. Orissa 1380.00
6. Uttar Pradesh (Eastern) 1917.00

7 West Bengal 920.00

8. Arunachal Pradesh 173.00

9. Manipur 173.00
10. Mizoram 138.00

Total 11500.00